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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2006, setting forth a Restriction/Election Requirement with respect to claims 1-13 of the present application, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Species I, Figures 1-8, wherein at least claims 1-5 and 12 are readable thereon. Further, at least claim 1 is generic to all species as indicated by the Examiner. This election being made without traverse.

Examination on the merits and allowance of the elected claims is hereby earnestly solicited. Further, upon indication of the allowability of the noted generic claim, it is respectfully requested that all claims including the limitations of such generic claim be likewise indicated as allowable over the prior art of record.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

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